GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the US President has said that India is the main source of emission of Green House Gases and demanded that it should be brought within the ambit of the Kyoto Treaty; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) In a speech made in Washington on 11th June, 2001, the US President stated, `Our country, the United States, is the world`s largest emitter of manmade greenhouse gases ..... The world`s second-largest emitter of greenhouse gases is China. Yet, China was entirely exempted from the requirements of the Kyoto Protocol. India and Germany are among the top emitters. Yet, India was also exempt from Kyoto.`

(b) India is fulfilling its obligations under the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change. Neither the Convention nor the Kyoto Protocol impose any legally binding obligations or targets on the developing countries for reduction of Greenhouse Gas emissions. Our position has been reiterated to the US authorities.